

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
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...IT IS STILL THE DRIEST RAIN SEASON TO DATE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES...

...SEASONAL PRECIPITATION TO DATE CONTINUES AT RECORD OR NEAR RECORD LOW VALUES ACROSS THE SOUTHLAND...

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY...DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES RECEIVED NO MEASURABLE RAIN. NORMAL RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY IS 0.31 INCHES. THE TOTAL RAINFALL FOR THE SEASON...WHICH BEGAN JULY 1 2006...TO DATE... REMAINS AT 3.21 INCHES. THAT IS NEARLY ONE FOOT OR 11.87 INCHES BELOW THE NORMAL PRECIPITATION THROUGH THE END OF MAY...WHICH IS 15.08 INCHES. RAINFALL FOR DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES HAS TOTALED JUST 21 PERCENT OF NORMAL FOR THAT PERIOD.

IF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES RECEIVES 1.20 INCHES OF RAIN OR LESS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE...THE LAST MONTH OF THE 2006-2007 RAIN SEASON...THIS WILL BECOME THE DRIEST SEASON EVER. CURRENTLY THAT TITLE BELONGS TO THE WINTER OF 2001-2002...WHEN 4.42 INCHES OF RAIN WAS RECORDED. NORMAL SEASONAL RAINFALL AT DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES IS 15.14 INCHES.

AN ANALYSIS OF RAINFALL AT LOS ANGELES IN JUNE GIVES AN IDEA OF JUST HOW LIKELY IT IS THAT THIS SEASON WILL BECOME THE DRIEST EVER. ON AVERAGE...JUST 0.06 INCHES OF RAIN FALLS IN LOS ANGELES IN THE MONTH OF JUNE. SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN JULY 1877...129 JUNES HAVE COME AND GONE. RAINFALL TOTALED 1.20 INCHES OR LESS IN EVERY SINGLE JUNE EXCEPT FOR ONE...JUNE 1884...WHEN 1.34 INCHES OF RAIN FELL.

SEASONS WITH THE LEAST RAINFALL FROM JULY 1ST THROUGH MAY 31ST ARE LISTED BELOW.

RANK	WATER SEASON	PRECIP 7/1-5/31	% OF NORMAL THRU 5/31	FINAL SEASONAL RAINFALL (7/1-5/31)
1.....	(2006-2007)....	3.21"	21%	????"
2.....	(2001-2002)....	4.41"	29%	4.42"*
3.....	(1960-1961)....	4.85"	32%	4.85"
4.....	(1898-1899)....	5.01"	33%	5.59"
5.....	(1958-1959)....	5.58"	37%	5.58"
6.....	(1923-1924)....	6.67"	44%	6.67"
7.....	(1893-1894)....	6.73"	45%	6.73"
8.....	(1975-1976)....	7.00"	46%	7.21"
9.(TIE)...	(1897-1898)....	7.06"	47%	7.06"
9.(TIE)...	(1947-1948)....	7.06"	47%	7.22"

* DRIEST SEASON EVER IN LOS ANGELES

DURING THE DRIEST SEASON EVER...THE 2001-2002 SEASON...PRECIPITATION FROM JULY 1ST 2001 TO MAY 31ST 2002 WAS 4.41 INCHES...MORE THAN 1 INCH GREATER THAN THIS SEASON TO DATE. IN THAT SEASON...ONLY 0.01 INCHES FELL IN THE MONTH OF JUNE.

A REVIEW OF THE RAINFALL AT MANY OTHER LOCATIONS ACROSS SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA FROM JULY 1ST 2006 TO MAY 31ST 2007 INDICATES HOW PERVASIVE AND WIDESPREAD THE DRY WEATHER HAS BEEN. MOST STATIONS IN VENTURA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTIES RECEIVED AROUND OR LESS THAN 25 PERCENT OF THE NORMAL RAINFALL FOR THIS PERIOD...WHILE LOCATIONS IN SANTA BARBARA AND SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES HAVE RECEIVED BETWEEN 30 AND 45 PERCENT OF NORMAL RAINFALL. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF RAINFALL STATISTICS FOR SELECTED CITIES AROUND SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA.

	SEASONAL RAINFALL 7/1-5/31 -----	NORMAL RAINFALL 7/1-5/31 -----	% NORM RAINFALL TO DATE -----	RAINFALL LAST YEAR THRU 5/31 -----	NORMAL SEASONAL RAINFALL -----
DOWNTOWN L.A.	3.21"	15.08"	21%	12.34"	15.14"
LOS ANGELES ARPT	2.63"	13.07"	20%	10.88"	13.15"
LONG BEACH ARPT	2.10"	12.86"	16%	8.58"	12.94"
LANCASTER	1.40"	7.35"	20%	6.48"	7.40"
PALMDALE	0.65"	7.30"	9%	6.94"	7.36"
CAMARILLO ARPT	3.43"	15.56"	22%	13.08"	15.62"
SANTA BARBARA ARPT	7.15"	16.88"	42%	21.19"	16.93"
SANTA MARIA ARPT	5.11"	13.96"	37%	17.29"	14.01"
PASO ROBLES ARPT	3.93"	13.06"	30%	14.42"	13.08"
SANDBERG	5.03"	12.53"	40%	12.43"	12.60"

AT THREE STATIONS...DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES...LOS ANGELES AIRPORT...AND LONG BEACH AIRPORT...THIS RAIN SEASON IS CURRENTLY THE DRIEST TO DATE SINCE RECORDS BEGAN AT EACH LOCATION.